Constitutes a Committee to formulate a co-ordinated long-term plan to meet fuel requirements of the State.

ORDER No. S.D. 3864-86—C. 39-51-82, DATED BANGALORE, THE 5TH SEPTEMBER 1952.

Mysore State is not self-sufficient in respect of firewood and efforts are being made to raise extensive fuel plantations in the Bangalore District and Post-War Scheme for "Afforestation of barren areas" costing annually about one and a half lakhs of Rupees is being implemented. The requirements of fuel and charcoal in the urban and industrial areas in this State are far in excess of availabilities and that the State's total forest area of 14 per cent is absolutely inadequate to meet our requirements. Added to this, the rising tempo of urbanisation and industrialisation in the State is exerting an increasingly greater pressure on the diminishing resources of fuel, which, as is well-known, is a rapidly wasting asset. As the supply position of fuel and charcoal is unsatisfactory and has been continuously deteriorating, an Ad-hoc Committee consisting of the Director of Food Supplies, Chief Conservator of Forests, Chief Electrical Engineer, Secretary to Government, Food and Agriculture Departments, and Local Self-Government Departments, and Special Officer, Fuel Supplies, was set up to go into the question and formulate proposals to meet the crisis caused by acute short supply of fuel when compared to the demand by the Industries and evergrowing population.

2. The concensus of opinion of the members of the Ad-hoc Committee is that there is urgent need for a co-ordinated long-term plan to meet the fuel shortage in the State and they recommended the appointment of an authoritative Committee to go into the question and formulate a long-term plan in this behalf. The Committee were of the view that the problem could be tackled in two directions broadly (1) economy in the use of fuel and (2) improvement of fuel resources. The specific measures which, in the view of the Committee, could well be adopted under these two headings, are indicated below :—

ECONOMY IN THE USE OF FUEL.

(*a*) Retention of the existing ban on export of fuel and charcoal outside the State.
(*b*) Retention of existing control over fuel in Bangalore City.
(*c*) Negotiation with the Railways for securing a special concessional rate for transport of fuel by train.
(*d*) Prohibiting the use of firewood by industrial concerns and institutions including hotels and compelling them to switch over to electricity.
(*e*) Urging the Electric Department to arrange to secure materials for installation of heating circuits to the said institutions.
(*f*) Improvising cheap kerosene stoves of simple design and making them available to householders.
(*g*) Replacing of firewood now used by the factories and industrial concerns by coal or soft coke, and
(*h*) Utilisation of sewer gas for heating purposes.

IMPROVEMENT OF FUEL RESOURCES.

(*a*) Encouraging the Village Panchayets, etc., through subventions and grants to raise fuel trees in their areas.
(*b*) Leasing out blocks of Government land up to 500 (five hundred) acres to private individuals or Companies for growing fuel trees under concessional terms, and
(*c*) Grant of adequate annual grants to the Forest Department for the next ten years, to bring up new plantations.

3. Agreeing with the recommendation of the Ad-hoc Committee, Government are pleased to constitute a Committee consisting of the personnel noted below, to examine in detail the suggestions made by the Ad-hoc Committee and to formulate a co-ordinated long-term plan with specific steps required to place the future supply of fuel in the State on a satisfactory basis. Such other measures as may, in the opinion of the Committee, be considered by Government in this behalf may also be examined and reported with relevant details :—

1. The Hon'ble Minister for Home (*Chairman*).
2. The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
3. The Director of Food Supplies in Mysore.
4. The Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

5. The Chief Secretary to Government.
6. The Secretary to Government, Local Self-Government Department.
7. The Chief Electrical Engineer in Mysore.
8. The Regional Traffic Superintendent, Southern Railways, Mysore.
9. Major E. Jayaram, Deputy Assistant Director, Supplies and Transport, Bangalore Sub-Area.
10. Shri H. R. Guruv Reddy, President, District Board, Bangalore.
11. Shri L. S. Venkaji Rao, Secretary, Mysore Pradesh Congress Committee, Bangalore.
12. Shri K. Ramaswamy, Secretary, City Congress Committee, Bangalore.
13. The Special Officer, Fuel Supplies, Bangalore (*Secretary*).

4. The Committee is requested to furnish their report within three months.

N. PUTTARANGASWAMY,
Chief Secretary to Government.

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

Distributes the Rural Development Grant among the several Districts.

READ -

Government Order No. L.B. 1102-13—V.P. 18-52-3, dated 23rd May 1952, directing the allocation of grants under "40-A. Rural Development, 5 Works Outlay, Rural Water Supply, Rural Communications and Rural Health and Sanitation" for the year 1952-53, as interim grants pending sanction to the final budget.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. R5. C. 2338—51-52, dated 25th August 1952, from the Commissioner for Local Self-Government, forwarding proposals for the distribution of the balance of the budget grants under the several heads mentioned in the Government Order read above.

ORDER NO. L.B. 4703-16—V.P. 18-52-5, DATED BANGALORE, THE 12TH SEPTEMBER 1952.

The sum of Rs. 9,000 earmarked for expenditure on tree planting under "Rural Health and Sanitation" in the first of the Government Orders read above is withdrawn and appropriated for expenditure under "Rural Health and Sanitation." The grants under the several heads are distributed as follows :—

Sl No.	Name of the Districts	Rural Water Supply	Rural Communications	Rural Health and Sanitation	Total
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Bangalore	55,000	35,000	5,000	95,000
2	Mandya	60,000	24,000	5,000	89,000
3	Mysore	50,000	24,814	5,000	79,814
4	Hassan	60,000	20,000	5,000	85,000
5	Chikmagalur	50,000	30,000	5,000	85,000
6	Shimoga	55,000	35,000	5,000	95,000
7	Chitaldrug	70,000	34,000	5,000	1,09,000
8	Tumkur	75,000	36,000	5,000	1,16,000
9	Kolar	75,000	37,000	5,000	1,17,000
10	Reserve with the Local Self-Government Commissioner.	50,000	...	2,560	52,560
11	Government Reserve ...	1,00,000	75,000	59,000	2,34,000
	Total ...	7,00,000	3,50,814	1,06,560	11,57,374

The following grants are allotted for special works out of the reserve of Rs. 75,000 held by Government under Rural Communications :—

		Rs.
1.	For completion of incomplete road works in the Anjanapur regional area (G. O. No. L.B. 3734-38—V. P. 14-52-24, dated 25th August 1952.)	23,000
2.	Road from Shantigrama to Hosahalli in Hassan District (G.O. No. P.W. 2010-12—R. & B. 9-52-2, dated 6th June 1952).	10,000
3.	Distress Relief Works in the Kolar District	10,000

The procedure for operating upon the grants for the execution of works entrusted to the agency of the Public Works Department indicated in the first of the Government Orders read above may be followed.